



MAJOR INCIDENT REPORT

A SPECIAL REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CHIEF DARYL L. OSBY

April 22, 2013

TYPE OF INCIDENT:

Assistance to Monrovia Fire Department

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE:

April 20, 2013, at 11:14 a.m.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

Madison Incident: On Saturday, April 20, at 11:14 a.m., County firefighters responded to an automatic aid request from the City of Monrovia to assist with a brush fire that grew to 90 acres. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered three to five acres of heavy brush on fire on a steep south slope moving in five-mile-per-hour, northeasterly winds. The fire was located 400 feet above and moving towards homes located on Madison Avenue and Crescent Avenue. County fire units provided structure protection by controlling fire perimeters with progressive hose lays, and maintained aggressive water drops on the steep terrain. The fire was knocked down at 8 p.m., with 40-50 percent containment; 95 percent of our units were released by 9:30 p.m., and Monrovia Fire maintained night watch with new crews. There were no reports of homes damaged, and approximately 400 homes were saved by this quick, 13-agency response. No injuries to County fire personnel were reported. This incident remains under investigation.

County Fire resources assigned to this incident included: seven engines, two patrols, one water tender, one paramedic ground squad, four superintendents, six camp crews, three helicopters, one dozer team, one heli-tender, two strike teams, three battalion chiefs, one assistant chief, and one deputy chief. Cole-Schaefer Ambulance Company, California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Monrovia Police Department, Southern California Edison, American Red Cross, Angeles National Forest, Arcadia Fire Department, Monterey Park Fire Department, Alhambra Fire Department, Glendale Fire Department, Montebello Fire Department, Pasadena Fire Department, San Gabriel Fire Department, San Moreno Fire Department, Ventura County Fire Department, and Orange County Fire Department also assisted on scene.

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